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## Nationalists Lose Vital Liaoning Corridor

### SERIOUS REVERSE IN NORTH

Nanking, Jan. 29.—With the Communist capture of Sinlitan the Nationalists have lost control over the Peiping-Mukden rail line, the "last remaining artery of Manchuria" and the overland supply of isolated points was made impossible, informed sources here told Reuter-AAP tonight.

The 20-day fierce battle for Sinlitan, they said, marked the conclusion of the struggle for the vital Liaoning corridor which President Chiang Kai-shek ordered early in the month "must be defended at all costs."

With the definite freeze-up of the port of Liaotung till the end of March, the Nationalists' fast depleting air force will again be forced to undertake the colossal task of bringing up supplies and ammunition.

## HMS Kent For The Scrapheap

London, Jan. 29.—Mr Edwards, Civil Lord of the Admiralty, said in the House of Commons today that the cruisers Danne, Delhi, Caledon, Colombo and Kent were immediately available for scrapping.

The careers of the ships are: HMS Danne, 4,850 tons, built at the end of World War I and after good service in World War II was handed over in 1944 to the Polish Navy.

HMS Delhi, 4,850 tons, completed in 1910 and did 20 years' active service during the long period of her distinguished career in the Mediterranean.

HMS Caledon, 4,200 tons, completed in 1911 and up since the war during which she saw considerable active service in the Mediterranean.

HMS Kent, completed in 1929 as one of the first units of 10,000-ton County Class cruisers. She was one of the force that sank 10 of the 11 Nazi vessels in a convoy off Slinger.

HMS Colombo, 4,180 tons, completed in 1917. The oldest cruiser on the Royal Navy's effective strength. Retired in 1926-27.

Last Wednesday it was announced that four battleships, Queen Elizabeth, Nelson, Rodney and Valiant and a battlecruiser, Renown, would be scrapped.—Reuter.

A new phase in the battle for Manchuria is coming up and indications are that the Communists are now including neutral military observers in outposts as tonight's reports state heavy fighting has already broken out in the area above Sinlitan.

At present, observers think the Communists will probably encircle Mukden and wait for a popular disintegration rather than risk an all-out assault on the strongly defended city.

Such attacks may prove costly in the beginning as Mukden has strong defences and the Communists lack air support.

#### DISINTEGRATED DEFENCE

These same sources point out the Communists' sixth offensive last October when they destroyed more than 80 percent of rail communications in Manchuria, and attribute the Nationalists' defence failure at Sinlitan to insufficient supply lines and troops.

Sinlitan, they said, was defended by only one division under General Pang Yung-ku which was "completely disintegrated" with the loss of the city. Moreover, this division was trained in the tropical climate of Burma and their fighting strength was sapped by the Siberian winter now gripping the whole of the North-east.

Their hope of salvation was General Fan Han-chieh's mechanised troops but these did not arrive on time to tip the scale.

These sources said the questions now facing Nationalists in Manchuria is not how to defend the remaining points, but how to withdraw from isolated spots like Changchun, Kirin and Sipingkal and half a dozen other points now encircled by the Communists for many months.

They recalled that when the Nationalists first entered Manchuria they controlled 20 percent of the

territory whereas at present this area has shrunk to three or four percent. Even this was said to be an optimistic estimate.

While the Communists in the Northeast now have 500,000 men and arms and are additionally able to muster another 1,000,000 if necessary, the Nationalists have only 500,000 or under.—Reuter.

## Paris Arrest Of Viet Nam Delegate

Paris, Jan. 29.—Tran Ngue Danh, head of the permanent Viet Nam delegation in France, was arrested in Paris today on charges alleging acts against the integrity of the French Republic.

A spokesman of the delegation, confirming news of the arrest, declined to give any details.

Tran Ngue Danh has been in Paris since September, 1946. He proposed last March in the name of the Viet Nam Government that France should suspend hostilities in Indo-China and open talks with Dr Ho Chi Minh, President of the Viet Nam Republic. The French Minister of the Interior then said that he was not recognized as a Viet Nam delegate to France.

His deputy, Duong Pae Mai, was arrested last March and taken to Saigon for trial on a charge of murdering three Frenchmen while leader of a Viet Nam security force.

#### POLICE SET TRAP

Tran Ngue Danh's arrest took place early today, according to the Paris evening paper "Indragent." The intruder said: "At five o'clock this morning (4 a.m. GMT) 40 policemen arrived at No. 45 Avenue Haussmann but Tran Ngue Danh was not at home."

A trap was then set and the police arrested him when he arrived.

"The arrest of the Viet Nam representative in Paris proves once again that France has definitely decided to negotiate with 'ex-Emperor Bao Dai' and not with any Communist elements in Indo-China. It is still early, however, to judge the eventual consequences which such an arrest could have in Indo-China itself."—Reuter.

## Two Mystery Deaths

London, Jan. 29.—Scotland Yard is investigating the death mysteries of two women who met their deaths during Tuesday night in the Acton area at spots about four miles apart.

The women were: Miss Sylvia Styles, 26, found strangled in a lane leading to the Duke of Northumberland's estate at Syon Park, Uxbridge, Middlesex, and Miss Frances Mannors, 27, whose body was recovered from the Grand Union Canal at Harlesden after a scream had been heard.

If the second case is a crime, it, like the first, appears to be motiveless.

The investigators are not overlooking the possibility that they were the work of a man affected by moon madness. It was a full moon on Monday.

Although nothing has yet been discovered which links the two occurrences, detectives have not ruled out this possibility.—Reuter.

## Umberto Lays Claim To £1,000,000

London, Jan. 29.—Lawyers representing ex-King Umberto of Italy are expected here this week to ask the British Government to release £1,000,000 in Treasury Bonds deposited in Britain before the war by the late King Victor Emmanuel, Umberto's father.

An Italian spokesman said a legal battle over the terms of agreement by which the Italian Government undertook to restore Italian properties in Britain to their owners is almost certain.

The Italian Government is understood to have claimed the property belonging to the ex-King as well as that of all other Italian nationals—a total value of £8,000,000.

Ex-King Victor is said to have held other investments in other countries. In Argentina he is said to have had about £100,000.—Reuter.

## NARROW ESCAPE FOR MAYOR WU

### Knocked Down By Students

Shanghai, Jan. 30.—Up to the small hours of this morning, police and Shanghai garrison officers were still "processing" students of the National Tung Chi University following the manhandling of Mayor K. C. Wu by five students yesterday afternoon.

The attack occurred when the Mayor attempted to persuade the students to give up their intention of proceeding to Nanking to protest against the University's dismissal of 12 students.

Bloodshed was only avoided through the timely efforts of Mayor Wu, who, knocked down and pinned to the ground by several students, shouted to the police, and garrison men, coming to his rescue, not to open fire under any circumstances.

Hitherto, eight students have been taken into custody by the police while eight constables have suffered minor injuries when the students attacked them.

Further arrests are expected before the "processing" is completed. Immediately after the attack, Mayor Wu, the Garrison Commander, Lieutenant General Hsuan Yu-wu, the Police Commissioner, Mr Schoborn Yu, and the presidents of eight universities, conferred on ways and means of settling the incident amicably.

#### WU'S THREE POINTS

Earlier, the Mayor had laid down three points for the termination of the incident, firstly, the arrest of the 12 students whose dismissal had led students of the school to decide on a Jewish displaced persons camp at Goldenheim, near Stuttgart.

Secondly, the students to resume classes today; thirdly, the students who attacked the Mayor to be handed over to police custody.

## BAYONETTED TO DEATH

### Jewish DP Tries To Resist Arrest

Stuttgart, Jan. 29.—A Jewish displaced person died today as a result of being bayonnetted by American troops when he resisted arrest during the search of a Jewish displaced persons camp at Goldenheim, near Stuttgart.

The United States Army headquarters said tonight the dead man was bayonnetted after he had hit a guard and attempted to escape.

Army searchers reported they had uncovered counterfeit equipment manufacturing United States dollars and occupation scrip within the camp. The soldiers also discovered 55 gold coins, rubles, marks and livestock hidden in the camp.

#### THIRTY-EIGHT ARRESTED

As a result of the raid 38 displaced persons were reported to have been arrested by noon today.

Meanwhile, in Jerusalem, Fawzi El Kaukji, Commander-in-Chief of the Arab forces in Palestine, issued a first order of the day today, warning his men that they should be prepared to meet about 42,000 armed Jews.

Of these, 2,500 would be a "shock brigade group," said the order from Arab guerrilla headquarters to its "field forces."

The Jewish forces would also include: one battery of 12 25 pounders (Britain's best field gun); four "Honey" tanks (United States light tanks used in the Western Desert fighting); anti-aircraft guns; and at least 400 trained sappers and mining experts.

The Jews had ammunition for about three months, the order added.—Reuter.

## Schuman Seeks Withdrawal Of F5000 Notes

### FINANCE COMMITTEE REJECTS BILL

Paris, Jan. 29.—The absence of one member—a Moderate deputy—resulted in the technical rejection today by the French National Assembly's Finance Commission of the bill to withdraw 5,000 franc notes.

The Assembly was not bound by the commission's decision, it was pointed out. The commission had considered the bill in an advisory capacity.

The commission had accepted a Socialist amendment that no levy in favour of the State should be imposed on holders of the notes and that the Government decree laws should decide the manner of reimbursement.

Other clauses of the bill were adopted individually by the commission by 21 votes to 20.

It was then that the whole bill was brought before the commission for the vote.

The close vote in the commission was taken as a forecast of a heated discussion in the Assembly where the bill was to be treated as urgent.

#### GOVT'S FUTURE AT STAKE

The Prime Minister, M. Robert Schuman, emphasised in the National Assembly tonight what he called the "exceptional gravity" of the bill to withdraw 5,000 franc notes. He gave the debate the character of a semi-official vote of confidence by saying that the future of the Government depended on its being approved.

The session was suspended until 8.30 p.m. GMT.

Most pay packets were made up of 5,000-franc notes and Frenchmen were today trying to eliminate the personal effects of the notes without drawing.

Under the bill introduced in the Assembly the notes would cease to be legal tender from today and any transaction settled by the payment of these notes was null and void.

The opinion in French Parliamentary circles today was that holders of small quantities of the notes would receive full restitution. The holders of large quantities, it was thought, would receive part restitution, with the balance turned compulsorily into the Government's anti-inflation loan now also under consideration.—Reuter.

#### SOCIALISTS' APPROVAL

Paris, Jan. 29.—The French government's emergency programme to establish a free market in gold and withdraw all 5,000 franc notes from circulation was virtually assured of passage by the National Assembly when approved by the Socialist Party.

Earlier the government ordered that all banks and the Paris Bourse be closed two days to discourage speculation during the Assembly debate on the free gold market.

The withdrawal of 5,000 franc notes, representing more than one-third of the number of francs in circulation, is considered to be a heavy blow at the black market currency speculators.

This denomination bill has been widely used in black market deals. If the banks follow previous practices of large numbers of these bills when presented for exchange.

A two-day banking holiday was announced by the Finance Minister, Rene Mayer, Banks ordered to close today and Friday, Mayer said, would be permitted to reopen on Saturday because the free gold bill is expected to be approved by then.

Mayer said he would introduce to the Assembly the bill today to withdraw.

#### DEFENCES DENIED

Meanwhile, Britain's Far Eastern defences were denuded: 1. by Mussolini's Mediterranean threat in 1935 when Italy invaded Abyssinia, 2. With the outbreak of war with Germany in 1939.

The British intelligence reported fully all Japanese preparations, emphasising that the Japanese were against China was largely an elaborate camouflage to disguise the real Japanese strength. British intelligence reports covered every aspect of Japanese war preparations, including detailed reports from Yaw, Truk, Formosa and Hainan Island.

The British War Office decision was to embark on a campaign of deception aimed at advertising fictitious British strength in the Far East.

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#### EDITORIAL

## General Maltby's Despatch

MAJOR-GENERAL C. M. Maltby's official despatch, published today, describes in painful detail and sombre tone how Hongkong vainly strove to resist the Japanese invasion in 17 days of continuous fighting. It is a document which, for the most part, confirms impressions and convictions long held by almost everybody who was in Hongkong during those agonising days; the prime importance of the despatch, therefore, is that it represents the knowledge, impressions and decisions of the military commander who, eventually, had to advise the Governor that "no further useful military resistance is possible." In dealing with the preparations made for the defence of the mainland, General Maltby's theme is clearly one of "too little and too late." As late as November 16 a new defence plan was introduced to be carried out from half-prepared positions, but "the time was too short for either of the new flank battalions to be practised properly in their defence roles... It was, indeed, unfortunate that the timing of events occurred in such a manner that the Japanese attack developed when of the six battalions in the garrison, only two knew their roles in exact and precise detail." The unpreparedness of the regular troops to withstand a determined Japanese invasion is also underlined by General Maltby's notation: "The 2nd Battalion of the 14th Punjab Regiment had had one demonstration of three-inch mortars, and no

preliminary shooting at all, with two-inch." General Maltby confesses that the defence plan was a strategic gamble which failed to come off, but much more striking is the admission that the Japanese as competent fighters. "The pace of the advance was surprisingly fast, the troops were lightly equipped and must have been very fit to accomplish the marches undertaken... It was obvious that the enemy system of intelligence was most complete... The efficiency of the enemy air force was probably the greatest surprise to me—my general impression at the time was that either the Japanese pilots had reached a surprisingly high standard of training or that German pilots were leading their flights." When military commanders and their staff officers are surprised by a show of efficiency normally to be expected from any modern trained fighting forces, it is little wonder that the defending troops have small chance of successfully resisting the assault. General Maltby and his aides undoubtedly were confronted with a task of great complexity, but taking into consideration the mitigating circumstances which made the defence difficult, there is nothing in the Commanding Officer's despatch to suggest that at any time was there inspired or enterprising staff work. Much of it, in fact, appears to have been as naive as parts of General Maltby's official diary.

## UN Recommends Jewish Militia Force For Palestine

Lake Success, Jan. 29.—The United Nations Palestine Commission today agreed to try to form a Jewish militia in Palestine at "the earliest possible date."

The militia, intended to maintain internal law and order, should be set up even before the British mandate in Palestine ends, the Commission decided. It appointed "Vicente J. Francisco of the Philippines as a one-man sub-committee to carry on detailed negotiations with Great Britain and the Jewish Agency—which has already promised fullest co-operation and speedy mobilisation of a militia of 30,000 men."

The Commission also agreed to start discussing tomorrow the apparent need for an international army in Palestine. This international force would be in addition to the Jewish militia.

The security problem will be outlined in a special report which the five-member Commission will submit to the Security Council. The report to the Council, although it was not made public immediately, was known to warn of approaching chaos in Palestine.

The UN General Assembly, in voting for partition of Palestine into Arab and Jewish States, provided that each new state would have a local militia. The Jewish Agency has pressed for speedy formation of militia to help protect the Jewish residents from Arab attacks, although the UN did not plan the international aggression.

The Palestine Commission, in deciding to go ahead with mobilisation

of militia, emphasised that it also sought to form an Arab militia for the Arab State. However, the Arabs have refused to have anything to do with the Palestine Commission, so the effect of today's decision will be to mobilise only Jews.

The Commission did not get involved in the probable size of the Jewish militia. The Jewish Agency proposal for a force of 30,000 or more was larger than original expectations for an internal police force.

Negotiations for the formation of a force must solve the difficult problem of where it would get arms. Some Commission sources fear that the British authorities will object to a new armed organisation operating before the British give up control around May 15. This is one of the problems Mr Francisco probably will have to iron out when he starts talks.

—United Press.



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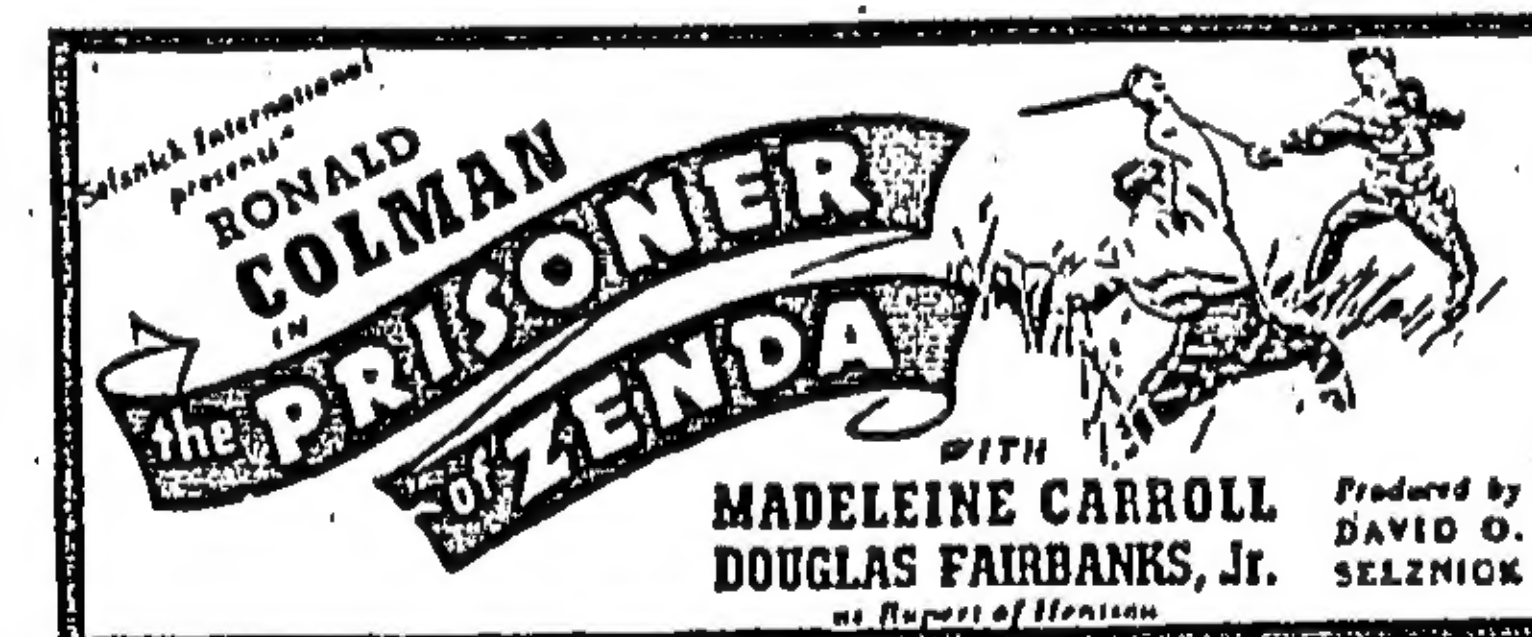


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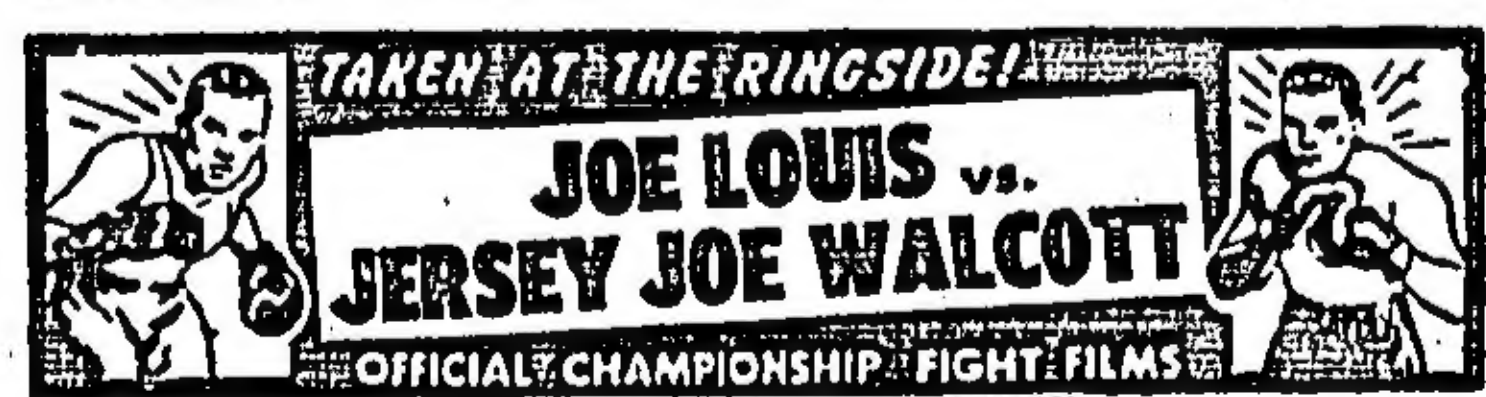


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NEXT CHANGE Robert PAIGE Anne GWYNNE in "FRONTIER BADMAN"

# THE MOTHS ARE HAVING A GOOD TIME

LONDON. MOTHS are making a hearty meal of 600 yards of knitwear cloth on the shelves of a wholesale house in Cavendish-square, London, W. Mr Paul Rolande bought the fabric from the mills 12 months ago on condition that it was made into gowns for export. But the moths arrived before the orders. This is why.

Many foreign markets have closed against British clothing imports and, in the countries that can still buy, the colour shades Mr Rolande has in stock have gone out of fashion.

The Hosiery Control at the Board of Trade refuses to release the cloth for the home trade. So Mr Rolande's girls are kept busy spraying DDT insecticide to stop the moths extending their front. In danger are another 4,000 yards of expensive velvets, brocades, and crepes.

Clothing exporters up and down the country have a similar problem. The total value of these idle stocks is too vast to estimate, but the trade organisations claim that their members are being put out of business by unreasonable restrictions imposed by officials out of touch with world markets.

## Test Figures

RECENTLY the Wholesale Textile Association sent a deputation to the Board of Trade with test figures from 12 manufacturers who had sunk £300,000 of their capital buying silk, rayon and wools from France and Italy for re-export as made-up goods.

Markets were assured when they bought, but by the time the fabrics were delivered it was no longer possible to sell. Officials turned down their request to sell the materials in Britain. It was refused: "You must try to find a foreign buyer. We are doing all we can to reopen closed markets. If you still have the goods in six months time we will review the position."

Meanwhile, garments are doing in warehouse cupboards, deteriorating with time.

It is not only the cloth which is "frozen." One New Bond-street maker of women's coats and suits has 20,000 coupons tied up in re-made-clothes waiting for an overseas

customer. With that number of coupons he could buy another 6,000 yards of material, enough for 2,500 costumes.

This manufacturer, Mr. E. Seton Cotterill, had to give up coupons before the mills would deliver. He will have them refunded only when the articles are sent abroad.

But where is his market? Before the war, two-thirds of his business was with the United States. "Today, all I get are charity orders," says Mr. Cotterill. His total exports amount to only six per cent. The reasons he gives?

1 America, he says, has a prejudice against British goods. The development of fashion and design over there has gone off on a different line from ours. They prefer loose, loosely-fitted styles to our tailored fittings, which are more expensive to make.

2 Popular patterns have altered. Herring-bone designs, ordered months ago, became unfashionable before he got delivery.

3 Americans are suspicious of our prices. Tariffs, duties, and "business" expenses put 50 per cent on the price. Suits and coats were selling well at 14 guineas until Sir Stafford Cripps put a £12 ceiling price on them at home. The reaction on the American buyers was: "Why should we pay more?"

This made British manufacturers "stuff" consignment. They saved the last scrap of material put into a garment. "It is only when you see foreign-made clothes that you realise just how we skimped them," says Cotterill.

4 Some British firms spoiled the American market. During the first boom of getting British woolsens out to the States, much of the buying was done by cable, and many people sent out inferior goods. That has done a great deal of harm.

## Short Of Money

ELSEWHERE, exporters have found: Scandinavians and European countries are short of money and will not accept luxury imports.

The Colonial Office has circulated countries like Malta, Cyprus, Gibraltar, West and East Africa, advising them not to buy any quantity of goods from Britain to preserve the sterling balance.

South Africa, who took big supplies after the royal tour, is now heavily over-stocked. And although most exporters are doing only a trickle of business abroad, the Government is diverting still more goods for export.

Mr H. C. Scott, another London wholesaler, was promised from the mills six lengths of woollen cloth, suitable for the home trade. Samples were made up on models, and his travellers booked orders for all the 240 weeks that it would make.

Then officials said: "These rolls must go for export." And the orders had to be cancelled. Meanwhile the moths have it all their own way.

# BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

THEY sat in a bay-window, facing each other in the dusk. "What are you thinking about, de Courcy?" asked Vita Brevia.

"You," said Foulencough, who was thinking about a certain importunate bookie. "It's ridiculous," said Vita. "Can't you see that we have nothing in common?" "Yes," said Foulencough, "but if we married we should have."

"Meaning my money?" asked Vita, with a curling lip. "If you like to put it as crudely as that," said Foulencough. "And how would you put it?" "What's yours is mine," said Foulencough. "That sounds more affectionate."

Once more Vita asked herself how she, a delicately nurtured girl, could entertain any feeling of affection for this boaster. Yet she had to admit that etc., etc., etc. See any novel.

Old days in Ahahaland THE Ahaha witch-doctor is the most important man in the tribe after the headman. He wears thick trousers of rhinoceros-hide with macaw feathers stuck to them, and a hideous mask reaching to his chest. His head is covered with painted tree-bark and dirt. When a warrior is ill the witch-doctor ties two crocodile tails together and sticks them

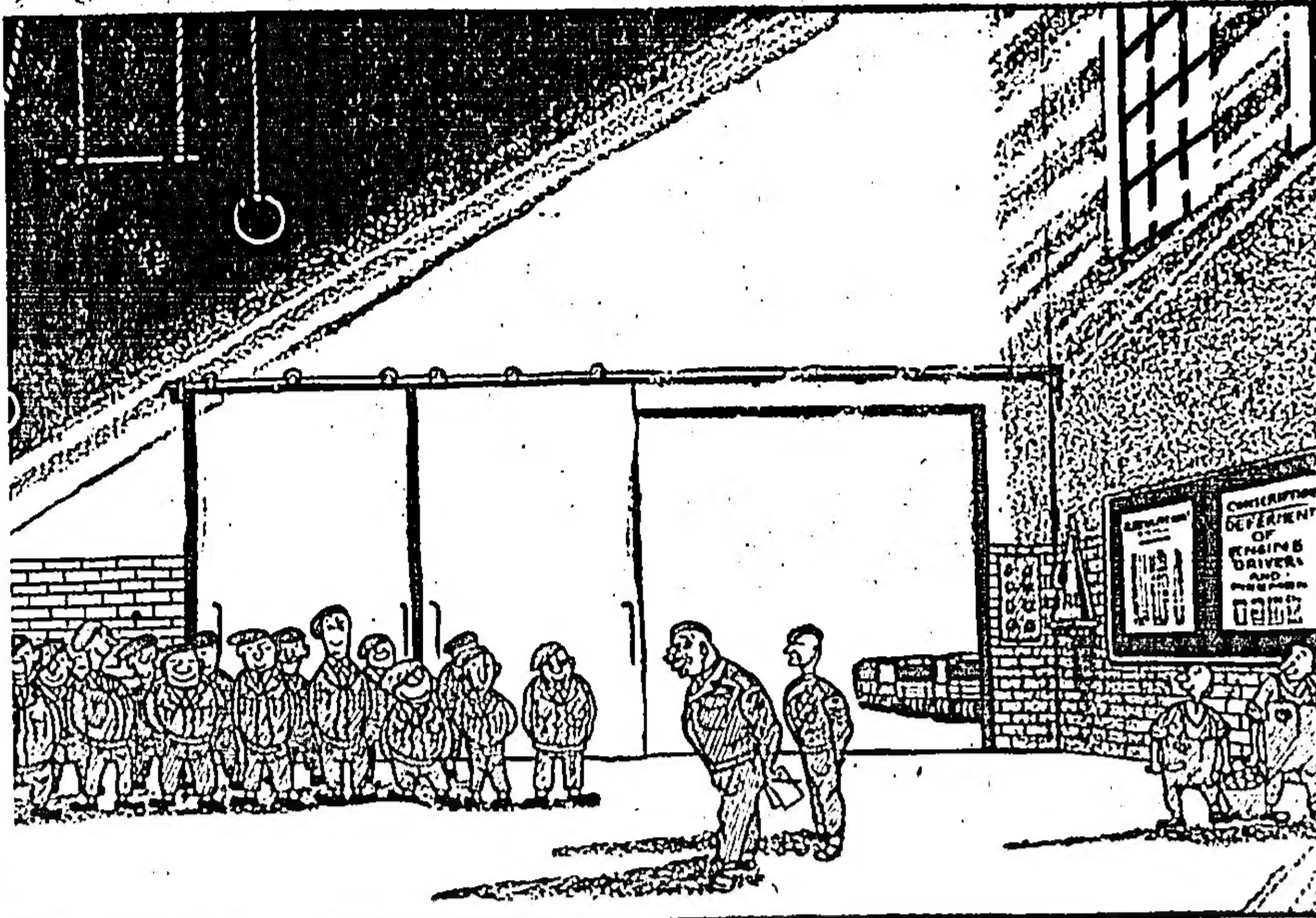
in the ground. He then boils some jungle-weeds which the warrior's favourite wife drinks. This makes her violently sick. All the females of the tribe then start to yell and dance in sympathy. This wakes the males, and they join in. The sick man, unable to endure the din, gets up and goes off to be quiet somewhere. The witch-doctor then announces that the patient is cured, and there is a feast lasting a day and a night.

## Fun at the blackboard

IT is the women police who have put all these ideas of beauty and witchery into the heads of the schoolteachers, and before you can get your nostrils out of a filter we shall have the teachers swaying and slinking and gliding round the blackboards, one hand on hip, the other fiddling with a cigarette-holder as long as a punt-pole. Buckles, soles, tassels, green mantles with no mainstiffness, green mantles with no mainstiffness, green mantles with no mainstiffness. "Rodney, what is the capital of Ceylon, actually?... Inspector, take your arm from my waist."

## Tail-piece

A MAN who had just finished a bit of meat in a restaurant called the head waiter, and with old-world courtesy said, "Give my compliments to the groom."



"The C. O. tells me he's had a lot of letters from nasty little soldiers who've suddenly discovered they wanted to be engine-drivers since childhood."

# THE FUTURE OF THE SIKHS

THE exact role played by the Sikhs in the tragic events in north-western India last summer was not an easy one to determine. The foreign correspondents in the Punjab were later bitterly criticised in Hindu circles for having put too much blame on the Sikhs, for having suggested that there had been a Sikh rising. They were charged with having, either through malice or incompetence, given far more publicity to what the Sikhs did to Muslims in the East Punjab than to what the Muslims did to Sikhs and Hindus in the West Punjab and elsewhere.

The fact remains that there was a Sikh rising in the East Punjab round about August 15. This observer would not go so far as to suggest that it had the backing of influential groups in India who wanted to wreck Pakistan at the very outset. But he estimated that during the month of August, whatever were the local casualties in the Punjab—and estimates have varied between 50,000 and 150,000—more than 75 per cent were Muslim victims of Sikh aggression. It was the Sikhs who for the first time in the history of communal warfare placed killing on an exterminatory scale. From the East Punjab the tide of violence swept to the West Punjab. Thence onwards again, to Delhi and the western districts of the United Provinces. Even in Delhi, as in the Calcutta killings of 1946 Sikhs played a part in the disturbances out of all proportion to their numbers.

## WELL ORGANISED

THERE were two reasons for the disproportion in the casualties in the earlier stages of the outbreak in the Punjab. Firstly, the Sikhs in the East Punjab were well organised and well armed, with considerable numbers of firearms. They had been training secretly since 1942. Many of the arms had come via the Sikh States of Patiala and Faridkot. Secondly, the Sikhs and Hindus in the West Punjab, when threatened, organised themselves far better than did the Muslims in the east. There was a great contrast between the little groups of Muslims trickling westwards, extremely vulnerable to attack, and the vast well-organised columns of Sikhs and Hindus from the West Punjab trekking east, with spearmen on horseback guarding the flanks, advance guards reconnoitering every village, an elaborate system of bugle-signals, the women and children riding on ox-carts in the centre of the columns. It was impossible not to admire the organisation behind these gigantic caravans.

Ever since the partition of India became inevitable, the Sikhs have been in a mood of perplexity, frustration and fear. Partition of India involved partition of the Punjab which was bound to hit the Sikhs hard. It meant the splitting of the Sikh community and the inclusion in Pakistan of many of their most sacred shrines, much of their property, and several rich canal colonies which had been pioneered by Sikh settlers. At this crucial moment in their fortunes, when there was a

need for restraint and wise statesmanship, they suffered from a complete dearth of constructive leadership. For months previous to the outbreak the Sikh leaders had been preaching violence. In the March riots in Multan and Rawalpindi and the Sikh leaders whipped up a savage desire for revenge against the Sikhs in the East Punjab. Their most influential leader, Master Tara Singh, is a dangerous fanatic, sweet and reasonable enough in private conversation, but an uncontrollable demagogue when addressing a crowd of his own people.

The Sikhs are a strange and fascinating race. Their religions is an attractive one, a form of Hinduism which was purified and strengthened by the challenge of Mohammedanism, inculcating the martial virtues. Their diet is said to be the best balanced of any in India and they are often magnificent physical specimens. They make excellent farmers, clever mechanics, and are to be found as contractors and businessmen, not only all over India, but in southeast Asia as well. They have a long record of service in the Indian Army. As soldiers they had the record of being prone to mutiny and hard-men-to-command, capers in attack but inclined to crack when things were going badly.

Sikh politics are devious and obscure. Their religious and political organisations overlap. Their most influential political leaders are usually religious leaders as well, like Tara Singh. The rising in August had many of the outward characteristics of a carefully planned and directed operation, but it was not easy to say what that directing agency was. Popular report on both sides of the frontier ascribed the military directed of the rising to "General" Mohan Singh, who formed and commanded the 1st Indian National Army in Malaya and is now living in Amritsar. Former members of the I.N.A., including some of Mohan Singh's erstwhile lieutenants, were undoubtedly playing a big part in the disturbances, but perhaps no more so than the soldiers of the Indian Army, and there was no direct evidence of Mohan Singh's participation.

## POPULATION TRANSFER

IT is worth while considering the effect on the Sikh community of the present transfers of population. There is now, for the first time since the British put an end to Sikh rule of the Punjab in the first half of the last century, a solid concentration of more than 4,500,000 Sikhs in the East Punjab. Many have come from the canal colonies, the richest land in all India, and are now having to fit into the already crowded districts of the West Punjab, where the

land wrested by the Muslims is much poorer than that they have left. These immigrants are suffering from an acute sense of bitterness, as also are the Sikhs already in the East Punjab, all of whom had close ties with their brethren in the west.

Hitherto the concept of Khalistan, the Sikh state, has been no more than a Zoroastrian fire-dream, put forward by extremist leaders who wanted a return to the old days of Sikh supremacy in the Punjab. Now, for the first time, it is entering the realm of practical politics. The Sikh leaders, however, it is public from time to time, but nothing is more certain than that, once the period of economic dislocation is past, Khalistan will become a really live issue.

Although they are on the same side in this communal war, no great love is lost between the Sikhs and the Hindus. There were numerous cases of Sikh-Hindu friction in the Punjab, but these usually arose out of the irritations and exasperations caused by a violent upheaval. Many western observers who know India well say that the Sikhs will not hesitate to turn on the Hindus in much the same way that they have turned on the Muslims.

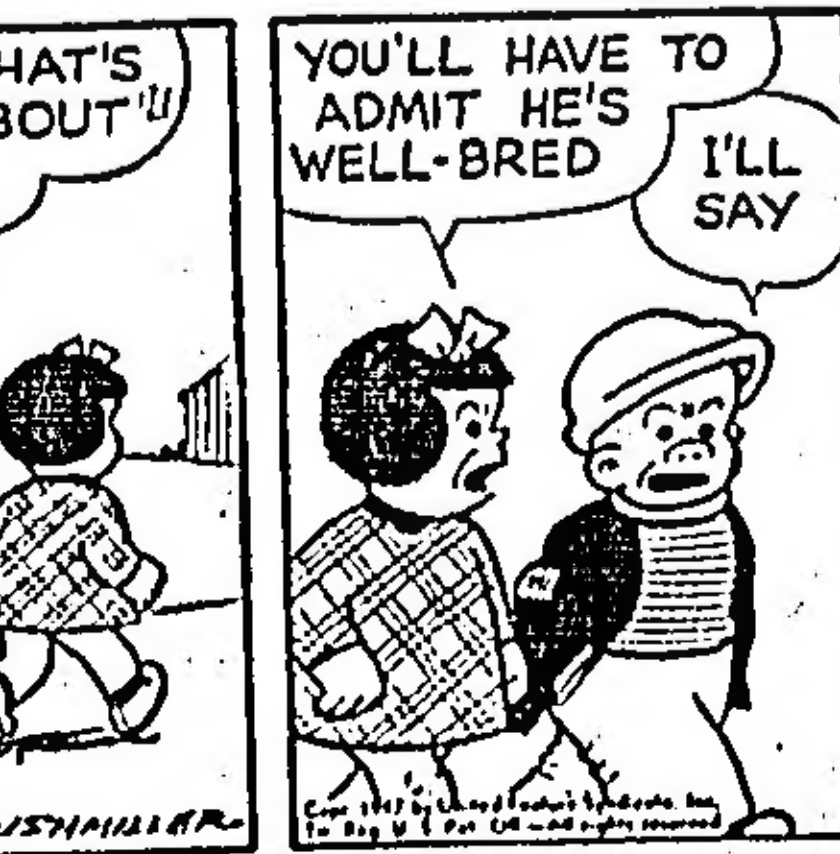
## BUFFER STATE

IT is not possible yet to foresee how Khalistan will take shape, whether it will be under the aegis of the ambitious young ruler of Patiala or under the religious leaders. Much will depend on the course of relations between India and Pakistan and also on future developments inside India. If there is a protracted state of tension or semi-warfare between India and Pakistan, India may find it convenient to have a strong militant buffer state on their north-western frontier, in which case the Indian leaders may place no obstacles in the realisation of Sikh ambitions. Many Hindus think of the Sikhs as a people who in the past stood between them and the Mohammedan invaders and who may do so again. Similarly if there is widespread fragmentation and disintegration in India—and the present tendencies are in this direction—then the likelihood increases of a small state emerging and of it trying to extend its influence beyond the purely communal frontiers. But it is not likely to emerge as long as there is a strong central government in Delhi.

It is wrong to blame the Sikh entirely for what happened in the Punjab and it is an over-simplification of an exceedingly complex problem to concentrate exclusively on the part they played. Even if the Sikhs had displayed the wisest and the most restrained statesmanship, there would probably still have been this savage conflict between the Muslims and Hindus. But it is important to understand the key part which was in fact played by this small and remarkable community.

By Ernie Bushmiller

NANCY Sluggo Provides the "Wrapping"





## PHOTOSTRIP SERIAL—No. 23

## HOW A HOLLYWOOD STAR IS BORN ★

## SYNOPSIS:

Catherine Brown is on stage with more Hollywood movie stars than she ever saw together in one place—or ever dreamed of seeing all at once. Name a star and Catherine can touch him!



Catherine is not getting this break because she is Catherine Brown, the girl the Pittsburgh Variety Club adopted eighteen years before—but because she could stand up before the most critical audience possible, an audience of showmen, and

slur, sing, sing. Indeed, Catherine Brown was really able to keep up with the stars when at long last her big opportunity came. She possessed a genuine talent—one that could be put into the same show with the finest talent Hollywood had, and

stand out. "The Blonde," who had no talent, but plenty of nerve and stolen "pull," got nowhere in the end. Catherine, with a wonderful personality, honesty, beauty and a voice is among the stars. (To be continued tomorrow)

## BEAUTY ARTS

By LOIS LEEDS



Posed by Loretta Young for Lois Leeds.

For that fresh, clean-skin look, try whipping up some beauty aids in your kitchen!

## HOME FORMULAE

Here are some old tried and true formulae for blending certain preparations at home. None of the ingredients are esoteric and they can all be purchased at your local drug store. These beauty aids will conform to your "beauty budget."

## Minute Makeups by GABRIELLE



Warmed oil will soften the driest skin. A weekly mask with a good mask cream does wonders for the aging skin. Feed astringents are more effective for tightening the skin.

Skin Lotion. 2 ounces of rose-water, 1/2 ounce of food quality witch hazel, 1 dram of borie acid.

Facial Lick. 2 heaping teaspoons of kaolin, moistened with witch hazel until it is the consistency of whipped cream. Spread on the face and relax with cotton pads soaked in witch hazel over the eyes. When the mask has dried, and has been washed off with water, close the pores with clear witch hazel.

White of Egg Facial. Apply white of egg and let dry. Remove with cold water. Dip cotton in ice-cold witch hazel and pat on the face.

Powder Base. Dissolve 1/2 teaspoon of borie acid in 8 ounces of witch hazel and add 1/2 teaspoon of glycerine. Apply the solution with a brush or to dry. Then apply your powder.

Blackheads and Pimples Skin. One ounce each of sublimated sulphur compound, tincture of lavender, witch hazel, camphor and glycerine. Wash face thoroughly with soap and water. Apply the above mixture and leave on overnight.

Enlarged Pores. Dissolve one dram of borie acid in 8 ounces of witch hazel. Bathe the face nightly with warm water, to which a little witch hazel has been added. Dry with a soft towel. Then, with a piece of soft linen or a bit of absorbent cotton, apply the lotion.

London Air Terminal  
A Hive Of Activity

Airways Terminal, "the waiting room of the world," is often described as the most cosmopolitan assembly place in Britain.

At this busy air traffic centre in Buckingham Palace Road, London, the BOAC Traffic Handling Unit deals every week with some 10,000 air travellers—passengers not only of BOAC but of other British air corporations and charter companies as well as traffic of Dominion and some American and foreign lines.

The scene in the booking office, indeed, fascinates many visitors, for it somewhat resembles the gaming tables in a casino. There are the bated lights, and the centres of the circular tables revolve for the convenience of the clerks seated around them, so that they can all easily consult tabulated racks of bookings, seats for the worldwide air services.

In charge of the shift of traffic handling personnel in the main passenger hall is a Station Officer. Another officer is on duty in the detached position of a "trouble-shooter." His task is to smooth out passengers' queries and worries, if they cannot be readily settled by the traffic staff.

## Multitudinous Details

Other officials who help intending passengers are the men and women who examine the details of a journey for the traveller before he sets out on it. Currency matters, health, immigration, import and other regulations, form the routine of these briefings, but the briefing officers equally expect to be questioned about hotels in Montreal, bazars in Baghdad, shooting possibilities in East Africa or holiday excursions in Bermuda.

Passenger service continues at the departure bay as the name of the air traveller is checked on the passenger list, passports and tickets are examined and final advice given on the pending air journey.

Meanwhile, in the Traffic Control Room, records are kept of the air services and officials are in touch by telephone with the operations room at the airport, so that coaches may be despatched from Airways Terminal for the airports only when confirmation is obtained that the aircraft will be leaving on schedule.

## Flight By Air

Also at Airways Terminal are staff who deal with a wide range of freight which daily arrives there for all parts of the world.

Many kinds of merchandise, including precious cargoes, life-saving drugs, valuable instruments, films and urgent press photographs, are forwarded to and collected from the airports, for late shipments direct from the Terminal or for routine movements from the neighbouring freight section, Glasgow Terrace.

In the freight enquiry office clerks deal with continual telephone inquiries, while between 300 and 400 written inquiries are answered weekly. Questions are asked about the practicability of shipment for a

great variety of articles—from hats to harpoons, from penicillin to pandas.

Wall brackets show a steadily mounting business in air-freight and many indicate not only the areas within which BOAC regularly collect and deliver air shipments but the London rail terminals at which calls are made by motor vans for overnight consignments.

## Shippers Assisted

Freight has always involved much form filling. BOAC freight-clerks are available, therefore, to help shippers with these documents, which often vary according to the country of destination.

Different coloured labels are provided for air routes north, south, east and west. Most urgent shipments are cleared in 10 to 15 minutes, despite all the forms.

Freight has thus been given wings and is bound for the farthest points of the earth for delivery days, weeks, or perhaps months, ahead of consignments sent by rail and sea.

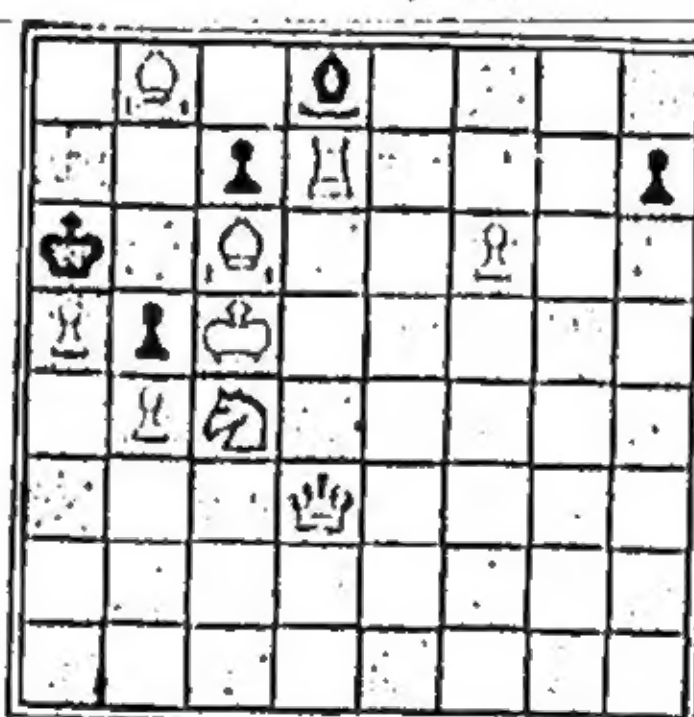
600 Eyes Donated  
To Mercy Bank

New York—The Eye-Bank for Sight Restoration, Inc., reporting on its second year, announced that 150 a journey in the United States are now affiliated with it, that contributions had increased 50 percent and that in two years it had accepted 600 eyes from the public.

Ninety percent of the eyes accepted were used for transplantation, and the balance, which could not be certified as suitable for the operation, were used in research work.

## CHESS PROBLEM

By P. J. D. GETTING  
Black, 5 pieces.



White, 9 pieces

White to play and mate in two

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. R-K4, any; 2. Q-R (dble ch), or R5 (dble ch), mates.

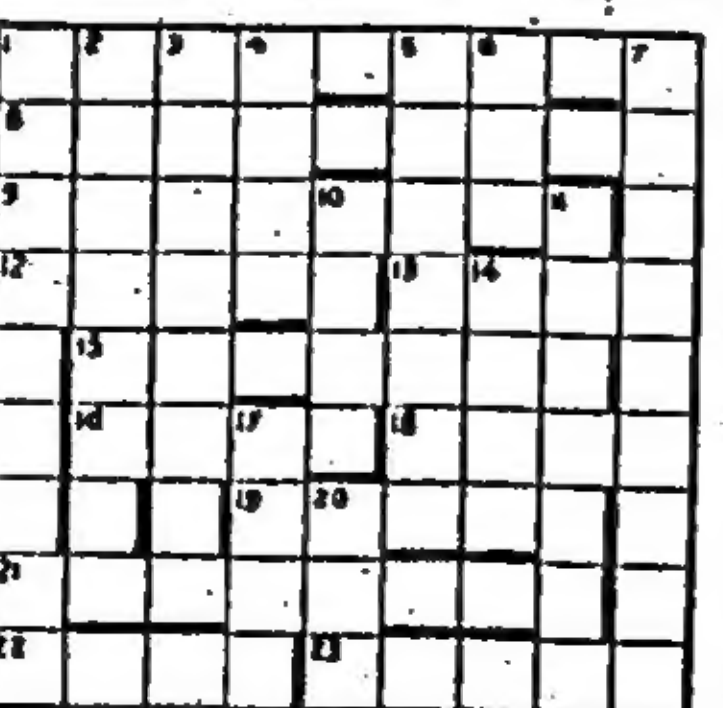
## Rupert and the Big Bang—30



Seeing the puzzled expression on Rupert's face Bingo thinks for a moment. Then he seems to make up his mind. "You already know part of my secret," he says, "I may as well tell you the rest. I've found out how to make gunpowder! Come on inside and I'll show you why I wanted your cardboard and wall-paper. And, leaving the door open, he marches away into the gloomy depths of the ruins, while Rupert, after peering in nervously, follows him slowly and carefully.

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## CROSSWORD



16. Row, (4) 18 A mature fairy (4)  
19. Measure, (4)  
20. Firm doors in their sleep perhaps. (8)  
21. Birthless heaven. (4)  
22. Clasp (5)  
Down  
1. Endurance. (9)  
2. Not a rope (anag.). (8)  
3. Antislavery. (9)  
4. The reverse of a pool. (4)  
5. Easy. (7)  
6. One is inclined to regret this! French street. (9)  
7. Not two-year-olds. (9)  
8. Bring up. (4)  
9. Cloth again? (7)  
10. Change. (4)  
11. Dash this twisted lane. (4)  
12. Move after this to amuse. (5)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle.—Across: 1. Contralto; 2. Lifeguard; 3. Analogy; 4. Trent; 5. Rip; 6. Seed; 7. Pigeon; 8. Bare; 9. Kay; 10. Tip; 11. Admire; 12. Sift; 13. Aids; 14. Down; 15. Clear; 16. Cup; 17. Outmaneuver; 18. Telescope; 19. Austere; 20. Lead; 21. Coal; 22. Unpleasant; 23. Alarms; 24. Press; 25. Deep; 26. All.

## DUMB BELLS

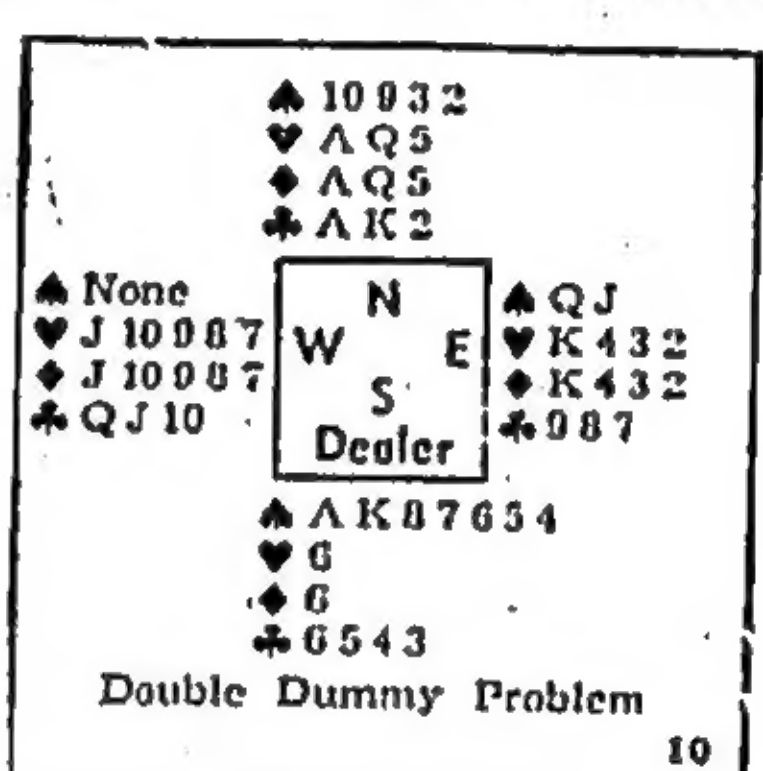
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SO YOU WANT TO MARRY MY DAUGHTER, HAVE YOU SEEN HER MOTHER? YES! BUT I LOVE GLADYS JUST THE SAME!

McKENNEY  
ON BRIDGE

Problem: 7 Spades  
By Double Dummy

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY



Do you enjoy double dummy bridge problems? A double dummy problem is a hand in which the contract must be made against any possible defence. Many players find them interesting and can recognise one quickly.

Norman Perlestein of Los Angeles, Calif., sent me the one shown today, a thirteen card problem I had never seen before. I have not shown any bidding, as bidding is not given in double dummy problems. You are simply told that the final contract is seven spades by South. West opens the queen of clubs, and you are to make seven against any defence. The best thing to do is to lay the cards out and go to work on the problem. Here is the solution.

The first five tricks are routine. The opening lead is won with the king of clubs in dummy and the ten of spades is led, declarer winning with the ace. He cashes the king of spades and throws the nine-spot from dummy. Then the eight and seven of spades are cashed.

At trick six declarer leads the six of spades, and West, North and East must make a discard. If either West or East discards a heart or a diamond, that is the suit for declarer to lead next. If West and East both discard a club, the rest is simple. Declarer will cash dummy's high club and his own small clubs will be good.

However, if West discards either the nine of hearts or nine of diamonds, declarer leads the suit discarded, wins in dummy with the ace and leads the queen of that suit. East is forced to go up with the king, declarer trumps, and that establishes the five in dummy.

Now let us say that West hangs onto his hearts and diamonds, but East discards either the three of hearts or three of diamonds. Again declarer leads the suit discarded by East, wins with dummy's ace, and as East has only the blank king left, the five is led. The king falls and declarer trumps it.

Another interesting variation is to try to make the contract with a heart or diamond opening. It can be made on exactly the same plan.

## Check Your Knowledge

1. Name the largest of the anthropoid apes. 2. Is it true that sawfish attack whales? 3. What is the present name of St. Petersburg? 4. What island is the greatest producer of pineapples? 5. What is the monetary value of an ounce of radium? 6. What countries surround the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg? (Answers on Page 4)

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MISSING LINK  
FOUND

Berkeley, California, Jan. 29.—The University of California reported today that its African expedition has unearthed in South Africa fossil remains of the 200,000,000-year-old "missing link" between the reptiles and mammals.

Dr Charles L. Camp, supervisor of the expedition, said therapsid fossils have been discovered in the Karoo Desert, one of two places where they are known to exist. The other is Northern Russia.

The therapsid, a dog-shaped reptile, is the remote ancestor of all earth's mammal forms, including man. The strange missing links came from the same stock of dinosaurs.

During a 100,000,000-year reign the dinosaurs and therapsid evolved into true mammals, and mammals began to dominate the earth about 60,000,000 years ago—United Press.

HONGKONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION  
Urgent Notice

In order to serve notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held at an early date, will all prewar members desirous of resuming membership please send a chit notifying their name, address and motor car or cycle registration number to—

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Assistant Director of Marine, Harbour Office.

Note The new subscription fees will be decided at the Annual General Meeting of Members.

Motorists wishing to join the Association may obtain a form from any member of the Interim Committee or from the address above.

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## SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Miss Millett says here on the woman's page that a dull, unromantic husband is in danger of losing his wife—why don't you take mother to a movie? We'll go along!"



## Jewish Recruiting Posters

London, Jan. 29.—The recruiting posters for a Jewish militia for Palestine, which appeared recently in London, have been repudiated by the Jewish Agency.

The posters were issued by the Hebrew Legion, a small Jewish organisation in London.

An Agency spokesman denied tonight that this body had any connection with the Jewish Agency.

Its publications are understood to have shown sympathy for the methods of the extremist Jewish military groups—the Irgun Zvai Leumi and Stern Gang.

It is doubtful whether any direct action will be taken, though the issue of recruiting posters in London at a time when neither the Jewish nor Arab states have been brought into being and when Palestine is still under British mandate, is certainly regarded in British Government quarters as irregular.

In fact, the Hebrew Legion's gesture is not taken very seriously by any of the parties most nearly concerned. It is not sponsored by the official Jewish body, the Jewish Agency, nor does Arab opinion in London expect that many recruits to the Zionist cause will be obtained by this means. The Arab view is that recruiting has proved unnecessary in the Arab interest and has not been undertaken. The only action, according to Arab sources here, taken by Arab authorities in this direction is to list the names and addresses of volunteers.—Reuter.

## TRADE TALKS DEADLOCK

### Argentine Prices Too High

Buenos Aires, Jan. 29.—Loadings of Argentine meat to Britain will be halted by the week-end unless the deadlock in the Anglo-Argentine trade talks in Buenos Aires ends before then.

It was understood from sources in close touch with the British trade mission today that the "last word" had been said on the prices Argentina is asking for her meat and other products, and that negotiations are not likely to be resumed unless the prices are moderated.

The price question was stated to be the only one on which the negotiations threatened to break down.

Existing export permits cover only the British ships Desgado and Colombia Star, both of which are now completing loading.

After administrative delays of several days all applications for permits for future shipments were returned to the packing plants last night by the Argentine National Meat Board.—Reuter.

## Argentine Bans U. S. Films

Buenos Aires, Jan. 29.—Theatre sources reported today that foreign movies have been banned from Argentina.

They said the action would stop an annual business of US\$5,000,000 in films from the United States.

American movies have been scarce in Argentina for four months because of the government's desire to conserve dollar exchange.

The ban, it is reported, was ordered after the Argentine Motion Picture Producers' Association complained to President Juan Peron that Spain had excluded Argentine pictures. France and Italy had made lesser restrictions.

Argentina expects to produce 60 feature films this year, far short of the needs of the national market.—Associated Press.

## NO TRACE OF MISSING PLANE

Frankfurt, Jan. 29.—No trace of the American Dakota, with three American women and five children aboard, missing since Tuesday on a flight near Marseilles to Udine, Italy, had been found by tonight.

United States Air Force headquarters, announcing this, stated that rescue teams in the area between Marseilles and Udine were taking part in the search, aided by Superfortresses.

The aircraft carried a crew of four.

A Reuter report from Rome stated the plane was last reported 40 miles from Pisa, the Italian West coast, about half way between Marseilles and Udine, and was forced back by bad weather.—Reuter.

## Typhoon Kills 106

Paris, Jan. 29.—A typhoon which hit Reunion Island Monday night killed more than 100 persons, the French Press Agency said today.

Property damage was estimated at more than 1,000,000,000 francs. Almost all Reunion's sugar plantations were affected.

Reunion Island lies in the Indian Ocean west of Madagascar.—Associated Press.

## Dutch Govt. Policy In Indonesia Assailed

The Hague, Jan. 29.—Professor Pieter Gerbrandy, Premier of the Netherlands during the Dutch Government's wartime exile in London, and now chairman of the rightwing "Unity of the Realm" committee, tonight broadcast an attack on the present Dutch Government for what he called its "ostrich" policy in Indonesia.

"This concealment of the truth compares compatibly with the open manner in which the British Prime Minister during the war informed his

people truthfully, even if he had had news," he said.

Professor Gerbrandy, who was broadcasting for the first time since he was banned over four months ago for insulting references to Lieutenant Governor-General Hubertus Van Mook, declared that when the ceasefire treaty between Indonesia and Holland was signed aboard the American warship Renville, "a decision was taken about our kingdom, its structure and its constitution, over your heads and without your knowledge."—Reuter.

## ALL-OUT RUSSIAN ATTACK ON U.S. POLICY IN JAPAN

By Stewart Hensley

Washington, Jan. 29.—Informed sources today said that the Soviet Union, convinced that the United States intends to build up Japan as a buffer against Communism in the Orient, plans to launch an all-out assault on American occupation policy in Japan.

## DOLLARS FOR EUROPE

### Marshall Plan Under-Estimate

Washington, Jan. 29.—The World Bank's President, Mr. John McCloy, said today that his organisation believed the Truman administration had underestimated Europe's needs for the first 15 months of the Marshall Plan by about \$1,000,000,000.

"Far from being extravagant, the administration estimate of \$6,000 million dollars is rather a tight fit," Mr. McCloy declared in a letter to Senator Arthur Vandenberg, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Mr. McCloy's argument was made on the heels of continued insistence by Mr. Marshall that the \$6,000,000,000 figure be kept intact.

Supporters of the plan in Congress are reliably reported to be preparing to lop about \$1,000,000,000 from this figure in order to appease opponents of the measure who want even heavier cuts made.—Reuter.

## Hand Grenades At Meeting

Amritsar, Jan. 29.—Two men each carrying a hand grenade were arrested here today at a public meeting addressed by India's Premier, Jawaharlal Nehru, who was on a two to four hour visit to East Punjab.

One was dressed as a Sikh and the other as a Hindu.

Earlier, Pandit Nehru said to the crowded meeting: "We do not want to fight Pakistan but that does not mean we cannot defend our country."

He said he hated war but if India had to fight anyone she had an army fit enough to do it.—Reuter.

## FORTUNE LEFT BY GIPSY GIRL

London, Jan. 29.—Fifty years ago a 14-year old gypsy girl was found near a circus tent and was adopted by the proprietor, who later made provision for her in his will.

That and little else is known about Miss Elizabeth Middleton, who for 25 years lived alone in a neat red brick house in Hectorage Road, Tonbridge, Kent.

Miss Middleton died last March leaving more than £9,500, but no will.

The Probate Court has granted letters of administration to a Treasury solicitor because no relatives could be traced.—Reuter.

## German Workers To Strike

Stuttgart, Jan. 29.—About 1,000,000 workers in Wurttemberg-Baden will strike at midnight on Monday in protest against food shortages, it was announced today.

The American zone's 24-hour general strike will be the second in less than 10 days, involving 1,000,000 U.S. workers. That many quit their jobs for a day on January 23.

The threat of strikes by 3,000,000 Germans hangs over the British occupied Ruhr and Rhineland. Trade unions there will consider a general walk-out at meetings tomorrow.—Associated Press.

## INDIANS ENTER TRANSVAAL

Johannesburg, Jan. 29.—No action has yet been taken by the South African Government against the 15 Natal Indians who illegally crossed the border into Transvaal during the last weekend.

The Indians, who travelled by car, were welcomed by thousands of their countrymen who arrived to pitch tents in an open space.

Two policemen had watched without interfering as they crossed the provincial border at Volksrust. The Indians have already reported to the Transvaal Immigration Officer that they are in the province without permits.—Reuter.

## Storm Damage In Marshall Islands

Pearl Harbour, Jan. 29.—Pacific Fleet headquarters announced today that storms during the past three days on Majuro atoll, southeast of Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands, destroyed Navy barracks, two family quarters and damaged all four causeways and other buildings.

No casualties were reported among the 74 Navy personnel and 1,350 islanders.—Associated Press.

## CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers  
1. The gorilla. 2. No. 3. Lenin. 4. Hawaii. 5. About \$750,000. 6. Belgium, Germany and France.

## SHIPPING SLUMP IN TAIWAN

Taipei, Jan. 29.—Foreign shipping in Taiwan, as in all other Chinese ports, is a fraction of what it was in prewar days, and one British shipping expert here estimated that foreign shipping during 1947 was 1/300th of what it was before the war.

This drastic slump is particularly significant in Taiwan, which was keyed to a highly developed import-export system by the Japanese.

According to informed sources here, much of the shipping slump can be blamed on the same stringent government import-export regulations, prohibitions on foreign inland and coastal shipping and the same "unrealistic foreign exchange rate" that are throttling it on the mainland.

However, the island itself is not yet in a position to resume its place in Oriental and world economy because, observers said, its rehabilitation has not gone forward as it should.

### Island Founders

These factors leave the lush island floundering—in some cases with large stocks of products which the government monopoly is not willing to export at present market prices, and in other cases with an inability to produce enough to warrant foreign export.

At the same time foreign shipping has declined. Chinese shipping has increased tremendously. This has caused the case in all other Chinese ports. Experts generally agree that it has little or no significance so far as China's world economy or economic recovery is concerned.

Official figures show that in 1947, 189 foreign ships called at the Taiwan ports, the only two open to foreign shipping, while 5,610 Chinese ships plied in and out of the island. Most of the Chinese ships were well under 400 tons, while all of the foreign ships were above 12,000 tons.

Actually, a figure of 50 would be a more realistic number of foreign ships during 1947 as there were a great many UNRRA vessels in port, and one British passenger ship made a round trip to Shanghai every ten days.

### Unimportant Traffic

Increased Chinese shipping, experts point out, has done little to put Taiwan on its feet as it shuttled most unimportant supplies back and forth from Taiwan to the mainland. These ships did not represent an organized export programme.

Foreign import-export interests are eager to establish themselves in Taiwan and to use the island as a base for the development of commercial sources for the best commercial goods available. However, they insist, until the Nationalist Government establishes more satisfactory import-export regulations, a more realistic exchange rate and better handling of Taiwanese products, there is little hope that they can do anything or that Taiwan will return to its thriving prewar condition.—United Press.

## Pacific War No Surprise

(Continued from Page 1)

Under "Operation D (for Deception)" Hongkong was evolved into the Gibraltar of the Far East. The impregnability of Singapore was stressed and the arrival of any reinforcements published and magnified throughout the world.

### THE FIFTH COLUMN

Intelligence personnel and the police Special Branch were reported to have been detailed on fifth column strength long prior to 1941 when an estimated more than 300,000 pro-Japanese Chinese were organised inside Kowloon and Hongkong.

Similar reports were dealt with in Malaya but the British war cabinet was powerless to counteract, and military reinforcements were made impossible by the British reversals in the Mid-East plus commitments to Russia.

The intelligence workers, however, proved that Operation D had effectively diverted the Japanese strength. For example, the Japanese used five divisions to attack Malaya when two could have been ample.

The fictitious "chain of British airfields stretching through Burma, Malaya and Borneo" which was headlined in the world press early in 1940 resulted in wide dispersion of the Japanese air strength.

Advertisements of the Eastern front strength similarly caused the Japanese Navy to hesitate.

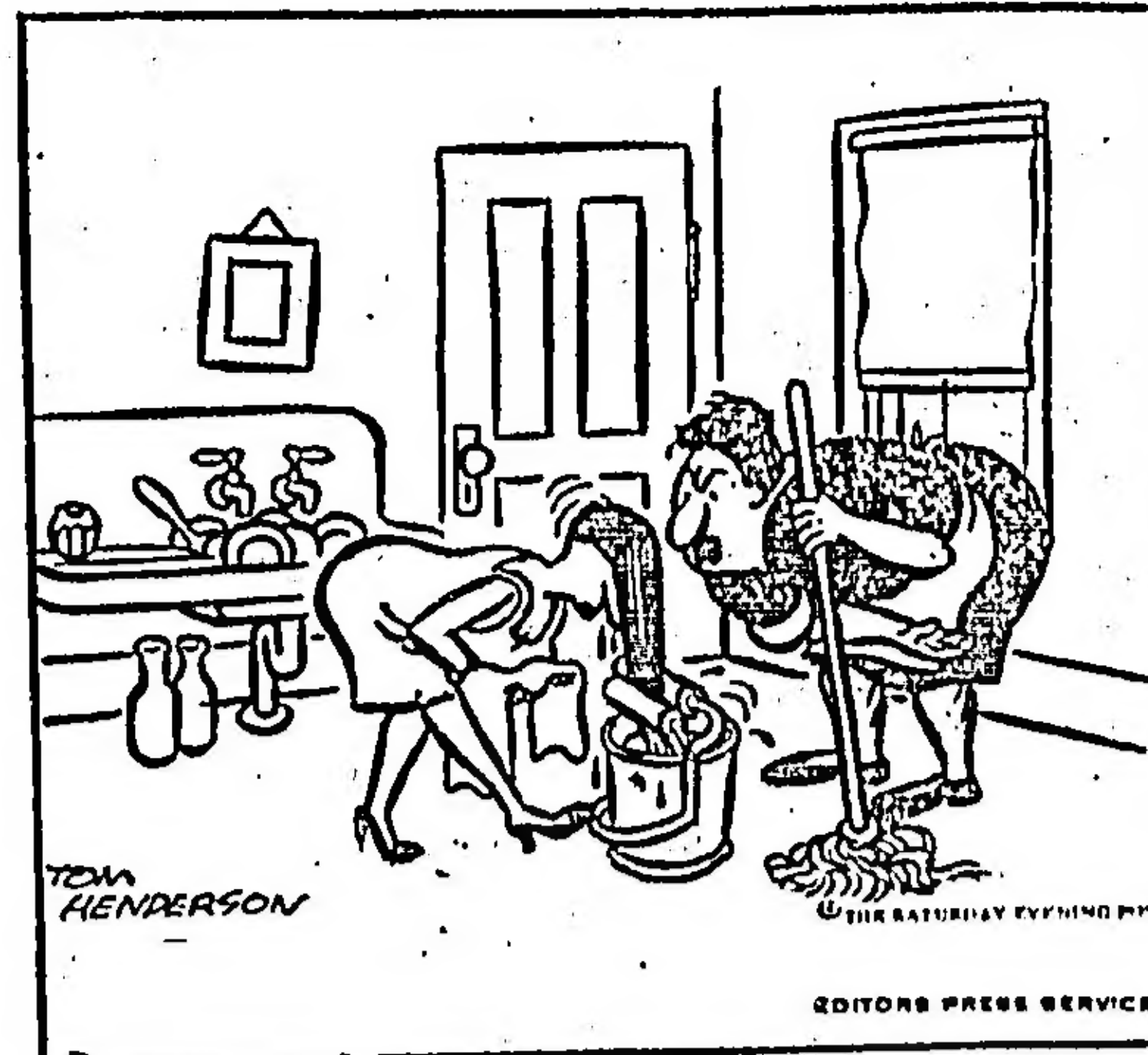
General Percival's dispatches will reveal some aspects of this operation "D", but the total British effort in the Pacific must remain largely anonymous, unless intelligence reveals full facts, which undoubtedly retarded the Japanese military aspirations and probably saved Australia from being overrun by the Japanese flood immediately after Singapore.—United Press.

### Gas Tanks Explode

Chicago, Jan. 29.—Tank explosions were reported to have levelled a square block area of the Chicago suburb of Cicero today.

An eyewitness said he saw one huge tank of gas blow up, and then three others, all of 2,000 gallon capacity.

Storage tanks are owned by the Certified Oil Company, a Socoyo-Vacuum affiliate. Early reports said there were no casualties.—Reuter.



"Make it snappy—I've got work to do before your date gets here!"

## OLYMPIC ICE HOCKEY DISPUTE:

## Swiss Reject Olympic Committee's Ban

St. Moritz, Jan. 29.—Dr. Albert Mayer, member of the International Olympic Committee and the Swiss Organising Committee, announced today that the former voted 16-10 to ban both United States ice hockey teams from the Winter Olympics, and added that the Swiss would reject the decision.

Mayer made the statement to an Associated Press reporter as he left a meeting of the International Committee at which he said the vote was taken.

The Executive Board of the International Committee ordered the banning of both teams yesterday.—Associated Press.

### Russia Interested

St. Moritz, Jan. 29.—The possibility of Russia entering a team for the Olympic Games in London this summer was hinted at here today by a senior Olympic official.

Discussing the American ice hockey dispute, this official said the proceedings were being closely watched by the Soviet Union, which is represented in St. Moritz by 11 observers.

In the official's opinion, Soviet Russia will not take part in the London Games as things stand today, but in the event of Mr. Avery Brundage and the American Olympic Committee resigning and leaving no American participation in the London Olympic, Russia would at once step in to take its place.

Those in close touch with the British Olympic Committee say that the British authorities are not in the least perturbed about the possibility of there being no United States participation in the Olympic Games in London.—Reuter.

### Americans Optimistic

St. Moritz, Jan. 29.—A swirling blizzard raged yesterday in St. Moritz, piling up tons of trouble on skid runs and ice rinks just two days before the scheduled start of the Winter Olympics.

Starting at dusk, the storm brought six inches of snow by midnight. The temperature was just below freezing.

Ice rinks had to be cleared enough to permit full use by hockey, figure and speed skaters. Officials directed that 18 inches of excess snow be removed from the foot of the ski jump.

Meanwhile, optimism is evident in the American camp. The U.S. speed skating team is laying confident plans to win major honours. Coaches said: "They will have to beat us."

For the first time since the Winter Olympic Games started in 1924, the U.S. has a chance of winning a figure skating championship. Some bolder individuals even talk in terms of American winning all three.

American enthusiasts hold that Gretchen van Zandt Merrill of Boston has a good chance to defeat Barbara Ann Scott of Canada, popular world champion and considered by Europeans as a sure winner of the women's title.—Associated Press.

### Skier Breaks Log

St. Moritz, Jan. 29.—Jean Blanc, of France, one of the finest skiers in the Winter Olympics and regarded as a possible winner of the Alpine Olympic Gold Medal in the slalom event, broke his leg while training today.—Reuter.

### GRAND NATIONAL WEIGHTS

London, Jan. 29.—The weights for the Grand National, to be run at Aintree on Saturday, March 20, were announced today as follows:

Prince Regent, Gasma, Astrophe, 12 stones 2 pounds; Happy Home, 11 stones 10 pounds; Kixton, Row, land, Roy, 11 stones 8 pounds; April, Romond, Caddie II, Salomani II, 11 stones 7 pounds; Silverflame, Hevelry, 11 stones 6 pounds; Halcyon Hours, 11 stones 5 pounds; Lovely Cottage, Cottage Rake, 11 stones 4 pounds; Fear, Cruel, Brillett, 11 stones 3 pounds; Battling Jock, 11 stones 2 pounds; Pedulus, Rearmament, 11 stones 1 pound; Caughoo, War Risk, Keep Faith, 11 stones.

Sandy, 11 stones; Leapman, Cloncarraig, 10 stones 13 pounds; Kilnagorry, Charles Edward, 10 stones 12 pounds; Weevil, Prince, Blackthorn, Cromwell, Royal Cottage, 10 stones 11 pounds; Ruslan Lynx, Clonaboy, Bullington, 10 stones 10 pounds; Lyndal Mount, Gormanshaw, 10 stones 9 pounds; Jock, Jack, Finlay, 10 stones 8 pounds; Nonnas Cottage, Shellas Cottage, 10 stones 7 pounds; Platypus, Serpenter, 10 stones 6 pounds; Lough Conn, Freebooter, Young Pretender, Red Pride, 10 stones 5 pounds; First of the Dandies, Bonnie.

## Geneva Trade Agreement Limitations

London, Jan. 29.—A call for the establishment of the principle of discrimination in trade as opposed to the multilateralism of the Geneva trade and tariff agreement, was made by the Opposition in the House of Commons today.

After the Government had asked for the approval of the Geneva agreement, Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, Minister of Production, Mr. Churchill's wartime coalition Cabinet, moved an amendment asking the Government not to "submit prematurely" to the principle of non-discrimination in commercial relations.

It regretted the limits set by the agreement on Imperial Preference and asked for a "realistic policy on the lines of the Marshall Plan" and the development of the Western countries and their overseas territories. Mr. Lyttelton said he believed that the building up of Western European trading entities and the expanding of the Colonial trade of these countries was one way out of Britain's economic difficulties.

But this meant discrimination now. When equilibrium in trade had been established, then multilateral trade could proceed with.

Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, replying to the debate, said there had been too much debate, and that Britain's concessions were a serious inroad into Imperial Preference.

The concessions represented about 16 percent of her total trade.—Reuter.

### Arabs May Withdraw

Cairo, Jan. 29.—Egypt and other Arab country delegates may withdraw from the Havana trade conference if the clause sponsored by the United States forbidding boycott of the United Nations Trade Charter is approved, Arab circles in Cairo said today.

This statement followed a cable received by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from the leader of the Egyptian delegation at Havana, Aman Azar Bey, alleging that "Zionist pressure" was behind the United States proposal.

This was aimed at countering the Arab League decision to boycott Jewish goods from Palestine, the telegram said.—Reuter.

### OUTWARD MAILS

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Post close 30 minutes earlier than the Ordinary Mail. If Mail closes at 5 p.m., Registered and parcels will close at 4 p.m. on previous day.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

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